# Catholic Parishes of Bondi CHURCHES: ST. PATRICK'S BONDI & ST. ANNE'S BONDI BEACH COLLABORATING TOGETHER

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

Sunday, 6th January 2019

#### Weekend Mass and Devotional Schedule

#### Saturday:

Adoration 4 to 4:45pm: St. Anne's

5pm Vigil Mass: St. Anne's

#### Sunday:

8am Mass: St. Anne's 10am Mass: St. Patrick's

Weekday Mass and Devotional Schedule for this coming week

#### Monday, 7th January:

9am: Communion Service St. Patrick's

Tuesday, 8th January: No Mass

Wednesday, 9th January: No Mass

**Thursday, 10th January:** No Mass

Friday, 11th January: No Mass

# Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light

in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic

and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world.

All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.



#### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation:

#### Saturday:

4 to 4:30pm:

St. Anne's

#### Sunday:

9:30 to 9:45am:

St. Patrick's

#### Baptism:

1st and 3rd weekends of the month during parish Masses. Parents will be required to attend a preparation session which is held on the 4th Saturday of the month at 11am at St. Patrick's.

#### Marriage:

By appointment (at least six months' notice required).

# Pope St. John XXIII Humour

When he went to visit a friend at the Hospital of the Holy Spirit in the evening, the nun answering the door said: "Holy Father, I'm the mother superior of the Holy Spirit." He replied: "Lucky you! What a job! I'm just the 'servant of the servants of God.' "

# The Epiphany - Pope Francis

"If we want to find Jesus, we have to overcome our fear of taking risks, our self-satisfaction and our indolent refusal to ask anything more of life," Francis said. "We need to take risks simply to meet a Child."

"Those risks are immensely worth the effort," the pope said, "since in finding that Child, in discovering his tenderness and love, we rediscover ourselves."

The Three Wise Men, also traditionally called the Magi, were the only ones who saw the star leading the way to the manger, the pope said, because they were among the few people who raised their eyes to the heavens.

"We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment," Francis added. "I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?"

The Magi, he continued, were not satisfied with "just getting by, with keeping afloat" and continued instead to look up and follow the path.

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#### Notices

#### Keys

We are currently conducting a key audit in our parish as part of Safeguarding and WHS. Part of the audit requirement is that every person who is in possession of a key to

the church, hall etc., must sign for it.

Could parishioners who have a key please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to go in and sign for your key. This will ensure that we meet the audit standards and to ensure that you have the correct key.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### Notices

#### Fr Martin Annual Leave

Fr Martin will be taking part of his annual leave from 7th January 2019 to 22nd January 2019.

During this period there will be no weekday Masses and the MSC Priests will be filling in on the weekend.

#### **Baptism**

This weekend we welcome into our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

#### Paul Rudolf Labude

may God bless him and his parents

#### **Parish Office**

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, 8th January.

Enquires may take a little longer than usual to be attend to so please bare with us as we get the office back up and running for the new year.

# Your Prayers are requested for

#### SICK:

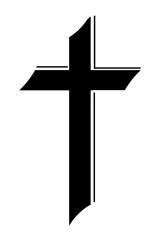
Sr Bernadine, Donald Dunne, Trish Ramsey, Suzette Bieshaar, Mary Penfold, Nica Sangil, Jean Clark, Alison Walsh, Therese Hubery, Tuga Katany, Rose Kelly, Bernadette Quinn, Paul Coonan, Brian Walker, Neve Laney and Antonio Ledesma

#### **REMEMBRANCE:**

Eugene Beame, Biddy Fernan, John Fernan, Mona Kennedy, Moya Hutchings, Drew Dowie, John & Daisy Sadler, Helen Colette, Harold & Joan Sadler, Robert & Leonie Sadler, Frank Sadler, James & Labibi Roumanus, Asuncion and Marcela Vegas

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless the Parish Office is notified.



#### **SAFEGUARDING**

A reminder that all volunteers are required to sign a volunteer form and Code of Conduct (which are available on the bulletin tables) as well as have a valid Working With Children Check.

If you require any assistance with any of these documents please contact the Parish Office.

# The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully, offer

support and discuss the options you have available to you.

Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (02) 9390 5812.



# Plenary Council 2020

On the bulletin tables you will find copies of the Plenary Council 2020 surveys.

To have your say on the Catholic Church and its future please complete these surveys and place them on the collection plate. You can also complete the

surveys online at: http:// plenarycouncil.catholic. org.au/resources/haveyour-say

In February 2019 our Ambassadors will also be running workshops (local listening and dialogue sessions). For further information regarding the Plenary Council visit their website at:

#### plenarycouncil.catholic. org.au



# ONLINE INDUCTION TRAINING

The Safeguarding Office is offering two Online Training courses; Safeguarding Induction Training for parish volunteers and staff and Youth Ministry Safe-guarding Induction Training for volunteers who assist in Youth Ministry. All volunteers and staff need to complete Safeguarding Induction Training. Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the Online Induction Training will need to register by following this link

https://goo.gl/forms/fSnOR2jrB2C0g0wG3

#### **Parish Staff**

Fr Martin Monaghan Administrator

Marian Abi Khattar
Facilities and Accounts
Manager
&
Parish Safeguarding
Support Officer

Frank Riotto

Administration Assistant

**Parish Office Hours** 

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:

9:30am to 4:30pm (closed from 12:30 to 1:30pm)

Thursday:

10:30am to 2:30pm

Saturday: 10am to 2pm

**Parish Contact Details** 

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### Parish Primary School

#### **Galilee Catholic Primary School**

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Principal: Anna Novak



# Today's Liturgy

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

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